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# 9.
# LET'S TRY IT OUT

THE MORE INFORMATION I HAVE, THE BETTER.
THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW MUCH I CAN DO WITH THE MATERIALS YOU PROVIDED ME.
SO, THE INVESTIGATION'S RUN INTO SOME WALLS?
宗教法人 光の臣 本部
LAST NIGHT... YOU HAD A TERRIBLE NIGHTMARE!
...
.....
GULP
WAS THAT WHAT HAPPENED IN THE DREAM YOU HAD LAST NIGHT?!
AND YOU WERE SWIMMING IN THE OCEAN... AND GOT EATEN BY A SHARK!
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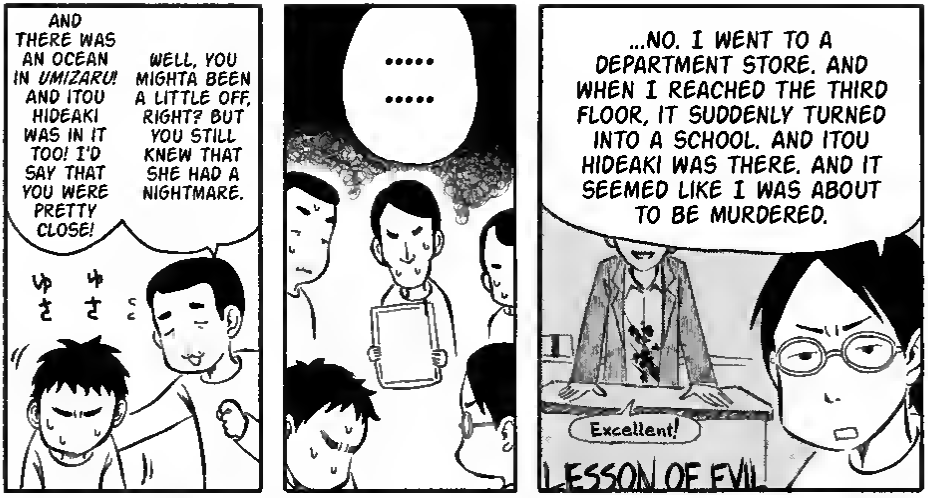
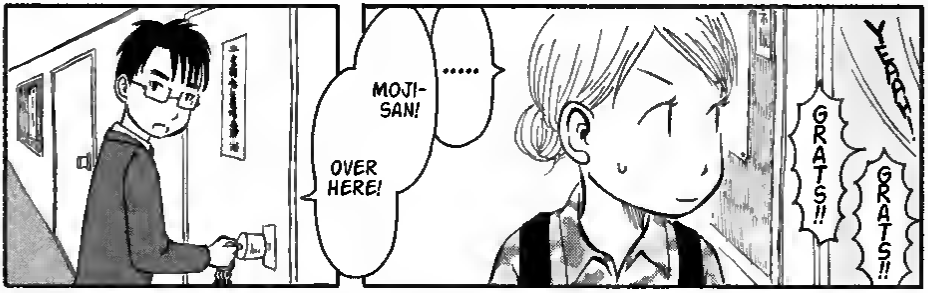
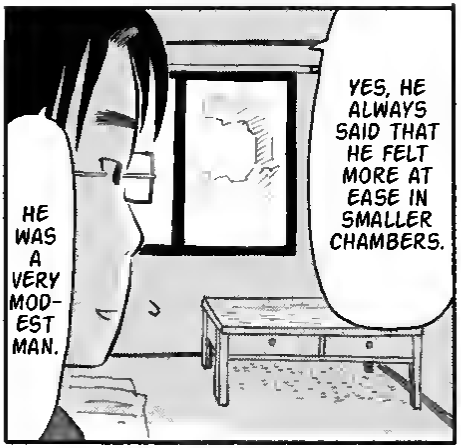
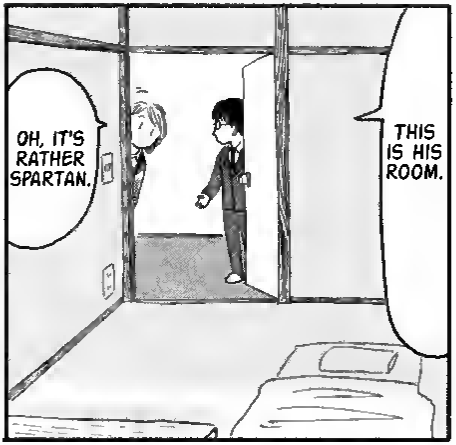
YAY!
...I DID.
WE DID IT! WE DID IT!

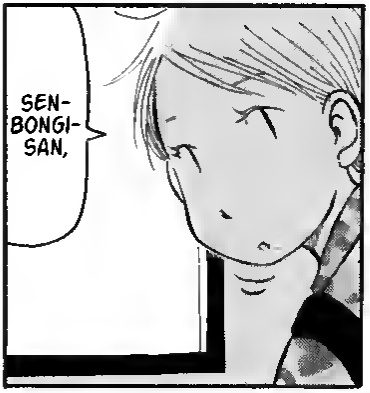

AND THERE WAS AN OCEAN IN UMIZARU! AND ITOU HIDEAKI WAS IN IT TOO! I'D SAY THAT YOU WERE PRETTY CLOSE!
WELL, YOU MIGHTA BEEN A LITTLE OFF, RIGHT? BUT YOU STILL KNEW THAT SHE HAD A NIGHTMARE.
ゆさ ゆさ
.....
.....
...NO. I WENT TO A DEPARTMENT STORE. AND WHEN I REACHED THE THIRD FLOOR, IT SUDDENLY TURNED INTO A SCHOOL. AND ITOU HIDEAKI WAS THERE. AND IT SEEMED LIKE I WAS ABOUT TO BE MURDERED.
Excellent!
LESSON OF EVIL

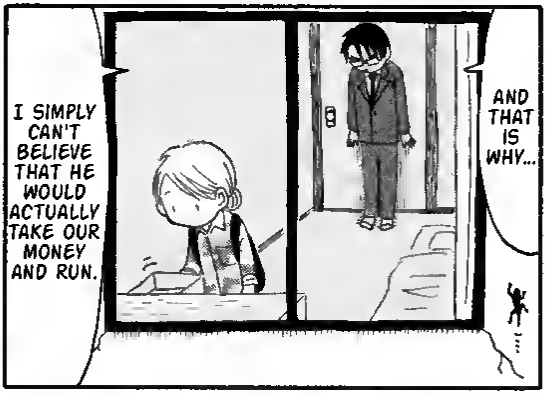

.....
MOJI-SAN!
OVER HERE!
YUKICHI GRATS!!
GRATS!!

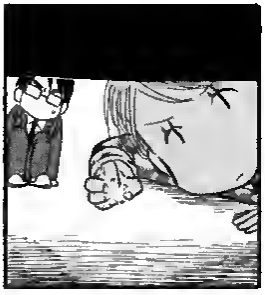
AH!
COM-ING!
奇跡がなくっちゃ宗教じゃない♡
意識改革
帰ったらうがい手洗い自己批判

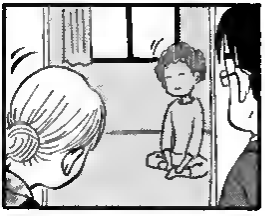

HE WAS A VERY MOD-EST MAN.
YES, HE ALWAYS SAID THAT HE FELT MORE AT EASE IN SMALLER CHAMBERS.


OH, IT'S RATHER SPARTAN.
THIS IS HIS ROOM.


SEN-BONGI-SAN,


I SIMPLY CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HE WOULD ACTUALLY TAKE OUR MONEY AND RUN.
AND THAT IS WHY...





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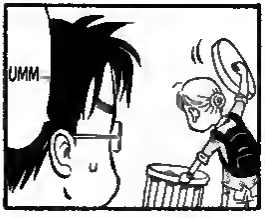
WOULD YOU MIND LET-TING ME TAKE A PEEK AT THE OTHER ROOMS HERE AS WELL?
SURE. THAT WON'T BE A PROB-LEM..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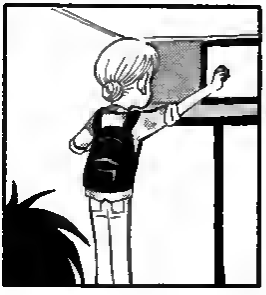

HAVE YOU BEEN KEEPING THIS A SECRET FROM THE REST OF YOUR MEMBERS?
WHY THE WHISPERING?
THAT THE REAL CULPRIT MAY BE AMONG THE BELIEVERS EVEN NOW?
MOJI-SAN, DO YOU THINK..
ONLY A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE KNOW WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON. PLEASE BE DISCREET WITH WHAT YOU SAY!
OF COURSE WE HAVE! WE'VE BEEN TELLING THEM THAT THE FOUNDER HAS BEEN VISITING OUR BRANCH IN KANAGAWA. AND THE CASE OF THE MISSING MONEY IS ENTIRELY OFF THE RECORD!
...WANT SOMETHING TO EAT?
AH, MY BAD. MY NOSE DETECTED A WHIFF OF CURRY.
GRRR
GRRRRRRRRRR
BUT I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE THAT....
...WHICH IS WHY I MUST CONCLUDE THAT THE FOUNDER MUST HAVE TAKEN IT...
THE LIKELIHOOD THAT CASH HAS BEEN SECRETED HERE IS INCREDIBLY SLIM.
I'VE SCOURED EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY OF THIS COMPLEX MYSELF.

SEEMS LIKE SHE'S HUNGRY.
WHY IS THE DETECTIVE HERE?
SAEGUSA-KUN.
EH?!
...YES?
ガラ
ほわー
WAAH! SMELLS YUMMY!
THEY DO SAY THAT THERE'S NO SCENE LIKE A CRIME SCENE.
OH, I SEE. MOJI-SAN CAME TO VIEW OUR COMPLEX IN PERSON.
THAT'S NOT REALLY WHAT I WAS ASKING ABOUT.
IF I TOOK A QUICK LOOK AROUND YOUR KITCHEN?
WOULD YOU MIND...
There's food on your face.
WELL, THERE WAS THIS SPECIAL SALE, AND I BOUGHT WAY TOO MUCH OF IT...
CURRY AGAIN THOUGH? HAVEN'T WE BEEN ON A BIT OF A STREAK?
I'LL MAKE SOMETHING ELSE TOMORROW.
SAEGUSA-KUN COMES FROM A FAMILY OF DELI OWNERS. HE PREPARES MOST OF OUR MEALS.
GOOD, RIGHT?
NOD NOD

RUSTLE
Weekly Curry
Weekly Curry
Weekly Curry
HA HA HA
...WHAT A WEIRD DETEC-TIVE.
RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE
HAVE YOU SEEN ENOUGH?
OH?
SENBONGI-SAN, I'LL BE LEAV-ING NOW
スタスタスタスタ
SURE THING.
AH,
THE CURRY WAS QUITE TASTY.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
.....
RUSTLE
YOINK

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
IF ANYTHING ELSE COMES TO MIND, FEEL FREE TO VISIT US AGAIN. OR YOU CAN ALWAYS REACH ME BY PHONE.
ぐしゃ ぐしゃ
BUT I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT THAT SOMETHING IS!!
SOMETHING ABOUT THAT PLACE IS REALLY BUGGING ME.
.....
ざー
ん

キョロ
キョロ
チャ
ピシャ
ざばー
HA! BE-HIND YOU!
BANG!
!
THIS TIME, YOU..
ME... DE-FEAT-ED...
フラ…
Fuuu
ばしゃっ
WHAT A LOUSY JOB THIS WAS...
I think I'll make myself a dry martini tonight.
Hmmm?

YOU REALIZE YOU'RE FLOATING, RIGHT?
JINKO... JINKO-CHAN, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
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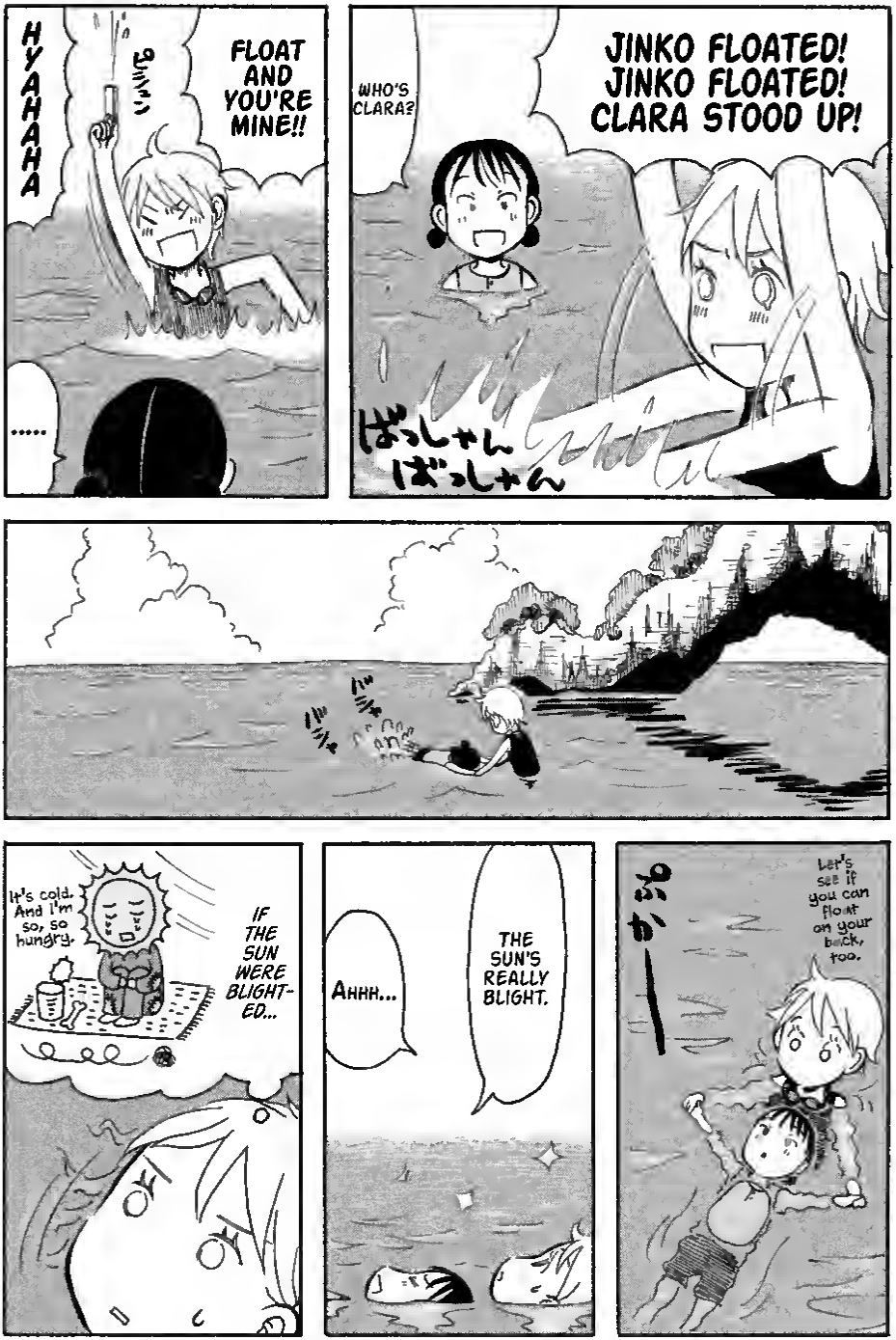
ぷかー
ぽしゃっ
ぷはっ
.....
FLOATATION!
YEAH...
.....
I DID IT...


HYAHAHA
FLOAT AND YOU'RE MINE!!
.....
WHO'S CLARA?
JINKO FLOATED! JINKO FLOATED! CLARA STOOD UP!
ばっしゃん ばっしゃん
It's cold. And I'm so, so hungry.
IF THE SUN WERE BLIGHTED...
AHHH...
THE SUN'S REALLY BLIGHT.
Let's see if you can float on your back, too.

GREAT NEWS, HUH?
OH, WOW.
HEHE!
GRAMPS! GRAMPS!
I FLOAT-ED!
ポン ポン
WAY TO GO, HUH?
UH-HUH.
GOOD WORK, MINAMI-SENSEI.
JINKO-CHAN, YOUR FOLKS CALLED. THEY'D LIKE YOU TO HEAD HOME FOR LUNCH.
.....
'KAAAW'

ジャジャ
ブーン
Fuuuu
Fuuuu
Umm...
WELL,
Nnn...
WHAT EXACTLY DID YOU MEAN BY ESP?
ズル
YES-TER-DAY,

AH! BUT...
.....
IT'S KINDA, SORTA LIKE I CAN READ PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS.
SIMPLY PUT,
I'D LIKE YOU TO FIND OUT WHETHER HE WAS THE ONE WHO REALLY TOOK OFF WITH THE CULT'S MONEY.
IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE ANY-THING TO...
I DON'T MIND.
.....
ブン ブン ブン
I HAVEN'T READ YOUR MIND AT ALL! REALLY!
だっ。
ぐじゃ
UWAAAAAH!!
MINA-MI!!
すっ
GULP
I DO!!

Haaa
Haaa
AH MAN...
MINA-MI!
I DION'T READ YOURS!
MINA-MI!
S'ALLRIGHT! S'ALLRIGHT!
.....
Haaa
Haaa
I'M OKAY! I AM!
IT'S OKAY!
MINA-MI!...
DO YOU THINK I CAN DO IT, TOO?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT! MORE IMPOR-TANTLY...
Haaa
Haaa
GET IT NOW? WHAT I MEANT ABOUT HOW CREEPY I AM...

.....
PLEASE TEACH ME, TOO.
YOU WERE TEACHING THE PEOPLE IN THE CULT, RIGHT?
EH?
TEACH ME HOW TO USE THAT POWER!
I GET IT ALREAOY. I GET IT.
YEAH, YEAH.
BUT I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I HAVEN'T REAO YOUR MINO, OKAY?
WELL, I OON'T HAVE ANY REAL OB-JEC-TION...
MY JOB'S DONE AL-READY?
HUH?
ズビシッ!!
Haaa Haaa
LET YOUR ENEMY CUT YOUR FLESH WHILE YOU BREAK HIS BONES! STRAT-EGY EN-GAGE!!
MINA-MI,
YOUR RAMEN'S GETTING COLD.
EVEN IF HE HAS ALREADY READ MY MIND, IF I CAN READ HIS MIND, TOO, I CAN STILL FULFILL MY MISSION...

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND EVEN SQUARE ONE!
FIRST, FORM A CHANNEL TO THE MIND YOU WANT TO READ
WE'LL START FROM SQUARE ONE
ERM, LET'S BEGIN.
チリ!
JINKO-CHAN... WHAT MIGHT YOU BE WRITING DOWN OVER THERE?
ガリガリ
FORM A CHANNEL
YOU'RE GOING TOO FAST!
WAIT UP! WAIT UP!
THEN, YOU-
AH... NO, THAT'S NOT RIGHT. FIRST, YOU DISPERSE YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS AS IF YOU WERE OPENING A MANGA VOLUME...
STOP THAT RIGHT NOW! YOU'LL GIVE YOUR TEACHER A HEART ATTACK!!
I'M GONNA WRITE ABOUT THIS FOR MY SUMMER VACATION ESSAY.

# TRANSLATION NOTES:

Page 152:

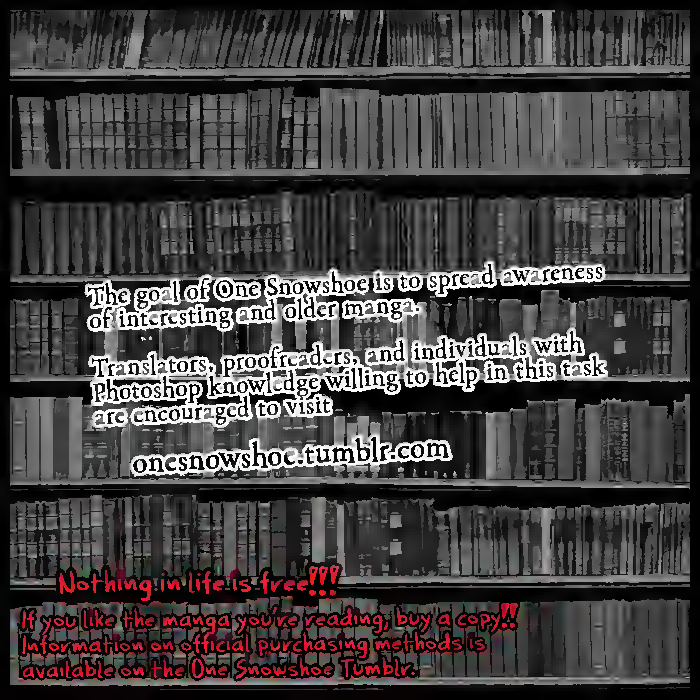
(1) Itou Hideaki starred as Hasumi Seiji in *Lesson of the Evil*, a 2012 film in which a high school teacher at an elite academy struggles with homicidal urges after witnessing the misbehavior of his students.

(2) *Umizaru* is a procedural manga series featuring the Japanese Coast Guard. Itou Hideaki starred as protagonist Senzaki Daisuke in the 2004 film adaptation.

Page 161:

(1) "Clara stood up!" is a pivotal line from *Heidi, Girl of the Alps*, a 1974 anime series, in which one of the main characters finally rises from her wheelchair.

(2) Regarding the last two panels, Jinko-chan mispronounces mabushii, meaning "bright," (まぶしい) as mazushii, meaning "destitute" (まずしい). As there's a great little visual gag here, we've done our best to provide an equivalent version.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